

eral of the United Nations to nominate a single arbitrator to whom the dispute shall be referred for decision.

3. The decision Of the arbitrator or arbitrators appointed under the preceding paragraph shall be binding on the Contracting Parties in dispute.

Article 12

1. Any country may, at the time of signing, ratifying or acceding to the present Convention, declare that it does not consider itself bound by paragraphs 2 and 3 of article 11 of the present Convention. The other Contracting Parties shall not be bound by these paragraphs in respect of any Contracting Party which has entered such a reservation.

2. Any Contracting Party which has entered a reservation as provided for in paragraph 1 of this article may at any time withdraw such reservation by notifying the Secretary-General.

3. Apart from the reservation provided for in paragraph 1 of this article, no reservation to the present Convention shall be permitted.

Article 13

1. After the present Convention has been in force for three years, any Contracting Party may, by notification to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, request that a conference be convened for the purpose of reviewing the present Convention. The Secretary-General shall notify all Contracting Parties of the request and a review conference shall be convened by the Secretary-General if, within a period of four months from the date of the notification by the Secretary-General, not less than one-third of the Contracting Parties signify their assent to the request.

2. If a conference is convened in accordance with the preceding paragraph, the Secretary-General shall notify all the Contracting Parties and invite them to submit, within a period of three months, such proposals as they wish the conference to consider. The Secretary-General shall circulate to all Contracting Parties the provisional agenda for the conference, together with the text of such proposals, at least three months before the date on which the conference is to meet.

3. The Secretary-General shall invite to any conference convened in accordance with this article all the countries referred to in article 6, paragraph 1, of the present Convention and countries which have become Contracting Parties under the said article 6, paragraph 2.

Article 14

1. Any Contracting Party may propose one or more amendments to the present Convention. The text of any proposed amendment shall be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall communicate it to all Contracting Parties and inform all the other countries referred to in article 6, paragraph 1, of this Convention.

2. Within a period of six months from the date on which the proposed amendment is communicated by the Secretary-General, any Contracting Party may inform the Secretary-General —

(a) that it has an objection to the amendment proposed, of

(b) that, although it intends to accept the proposal, the conditions necessary for such acceptance are not yet fulfilled in its country.

3. If a Contracting Party sends the Secretary-General a communication such as is provided for in paragraph 2 (b), it may, so long as it has not notified the Secretary-General of its acceptance of the proposed amendment, submit an objection to the proposed amendment within a period of 9 months following the expiry of the six-month period from its initial communication.

4. If an objection to the proposed amendment is stated in accordance with the terms of paragraphs 2 and 3 of this ar-

ticle, the amendment shall be deemed not to have been accepted and shall be of no effect.

5. If no objection to the proposed amendment in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the present article has been stated, the amendment shall be deemed to have been accepted as from the date specified below:

(a) if no Contracting Party has sent a communication to the Secretary-General in accordance with paragraph 2 (b) of this article, on the expiry of the period of six months referred to in that paragraph;

(b) if any Contracting Party has sent a communication to the Secretary-General in accordance with paragraph 2 (b) of this article, on the earlier of the following two dates:

—the date by which all the Contracting Parties which sent such communications have notified the Secretary-General of their acceptance of the proposal, subject to the proviso that, if all the acceptances were notified before the expiry of the period of six months referred to in paragraph 2, this date shall be taken to be the date of expiry of the said six-month period;

—the date of expiry of the nine-month period referred to in paragraph 3 of this article.

6. Any amendment deemed to be accepted shall enter into force six months after the date on which it was deemed to be accepted.

7. The Secretary-General shall, as soon as possible, notify all Contracting Parties whether an objection to the proposed amendment has been stated in accordance with paragraph 2 (a) of this article and whether one or more Contracting Parties have sent him a communication in accordance with paragraph 2 (b) of this article. If one or more Contracting Parties have sent him such a communication, he shall subsequently inform all the Contracting Parties whether the Contracting Party or Parties which have sent such a communication raise an objection to the proposed amendment or accept it.

Article 15

In addition to the notification provided for in articles 13 and 14 of the present Convention, the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall notify the countries referred to in article 6, paragraph 1, of the present Convention and the countries which have become Contracting Parties under article 6, paragraph 2, of the present Convention of:

(a) signatures, ratifications and accessions under article 6;

(b) the dates of entry into force of the present Convention, in accordance with article 7;

(c) denunciations under article 8;

(d) the termination of the present Convention in accordance with article 9;

(e) notifications received in accordance with article 10;

(f) declarations and notifications received in accordance with article 12, paragraphs 1 and 2;

(g) the entry into force of any amendment in accordance with article 14.

Article 16

After 15 March 1961 the original of the present Convention shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall transmit certified true copies to each of the countries mentioned in article 6, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the present Convention.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed the present Convention.

DONE at Geneva, this ninth day of December one thousand nine hundred and sixty, in a single copy, in the English and French languages, the two texts being equally authentic.